separate reports after taking into consideration the views of the Delhi Administration and examining the matter, the Government decided to initiate appropriate action against the concerned officers indicated in the report submitted by Miss Mittal.

Miss Kusum Mittal had inducted 72 police officials. Of these 13 have retired and 3 have died. Of the remaining 56 police officials, charge-sheets have been served on 49 officials. In respect of 7 officials, charge-sheets could not be served either because of certain directions of the Central Administrative Tribunal or because of the proceedings having been stayed.

The charges against the police officials primarily relate to dereliction of duty.

Demands of Women Organisations

1052. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the Hindustan Times of 22nd September, 1992 under the caption "Woman's protest on rape";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that several woman organisations in Delhi protested against the increasing violence on women specially custody rape cases all over the country allegedly by the policemen and others;

(c) if so, what are the details of such custody rape cases State-wise during each of the last three years and so far in 1992;

(d) what were the demands of the women organisations; and what action Government have taken thereon; and

(e) what action Government have taken against police officials and others found guilty ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Such a news item did appear in the Hindustan Times dated 22nd September, 1992.

(c) The registration, investigation, detection and prosecution of crimes is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Details of such cases are not separately compiled by Central agencies.

(d) The main demand of the Woman's organisations was death sentance for rapists. However, no memorandum of demand from the Women's organisations has been received in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(e) The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments time to time to ensure that police personnel to have in a humane manner, that alleged cases of police excesses are taken serious note of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

Issues relating to human rights violations have been receiving special attention at the Government of India level. State Governments have also been advised to set up special cells to monitor and ensure effective action in such cases. In a recent Conference of Chief Ministers on Human Rights held on 14th September, 1992, issues pertaining to setting up of a human rights commission, guidelines for protection of vulnerable sections of society, custodial crimes, prison reforms and police training were discussed. In pursuance of the Resolution passed in the Conference, it is expected that the State Governments will take appropriate steps to deal sternly and expeditiously wherever cases of violation of human rights occur.

Open Manholes Hazards

1053. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI SHUSILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether open manholes on Delhi's road, lands and bylanes present serious